

Press release

FS SISTEMI URBANI AND COIMA SGR, FARINI COMPETITION: 5 FINALIST TEAMS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR THE MASTERPLAN OF THE FARINI AND SAN CRISTOFORO YARDS

Milan, 20th December 2018 - The 5 finalist* teams have been selected to draw up the masterplan for the urban transformation and regeneration of the railway yards of Farini and San Cristoforo in Milan. The international competition organized by FS Sistemi Urbani (Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane Group) and COIMA SGR (leader in the investment, development and management of real estate assets on behalf of institutional investors in Italy) is now approaching its second phase.

The Commission, chaired by the international architecture expert Dominique Perrault, composed among others by Carlo De Vito, President of FS Sistemi Urbani, and Manfredi Catella, President of Coima, has unanimously selected the international groups BAUKUH (IT), OMA (NL), ARUP (IT), GRIMSHAW (UK), Kengo Kuma and Associates Europe (FR) which, in their different compositions, all show experience, quality and competence.

The work by the board, assisted by RUC Leopoldo Freyrie, is particularly demanding due to the high number of applications submitted by qualified and outstanding teams from Italy and abroad. In the second phase of the competition, which will take place between January and March 2019, the 5 finalist teams will have to prepare the project proposal. The winner will be announced in April 2019.

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Group leader	Group	Description
BAUKUH (IT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · ONsite (Italy) · Christ&Gantenbein (China) · Atelier Kempe Thill (The Netherlands) · LOLA (The Netherlands) · Tekne (Italy) · Cundall (England) 	<i>Baukuh is a young Italian architectural firm, well-known for designing the House of Memory in Milan. Their group includes the Milanese ONesitestudio and the Swiss Emanuel Christ and Christoph Gantenbein, who are among the new talents of international architecture, the Dutch Atelier Kempe Thill, authors of numerous masterplans and the landscape architects of Lola, as well as Tekne and Cundall. It is a group of young and emerging designers.</i>
OMA (NL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Laboratorio Permanente (Italy) · Vogt Landscape Architects (China) · Philippe Rahm Architectes (France) · Net Engineering (Italy) · Ezio Micelli (Italy) · Arcadis Italia (Italy) · Temporiuso.net (Italy) · Luca Cozzani (Italy) 	<i>OMA by Rem Koolhaas (Prada Foundation) leads a group with the Milanese Laboratorio Permanente, the well-known landscape architects of the Vogt studio and the emerging Philippe Rahm, an architect known for his ecological approach to projects. The group is completed by Italian professionals who are experts in the themes of urban regeneration and reuse. Under the guidance of Koolhaas, it is a well-structured and interesting group.</i>

ARUP (IT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snohetta (Norway) • Grant Associates (England) • Systematica (Italy) • Golder (Italy) 	<i>Arup Italia leads a group with the Norwegians of Snohetta, architects and urban planners well-known for the regeneration project of Times Square, with the important Grant Studio for the landscape, Systematica for mobility and Golder. Arup's experience and competence is integrated with Snohetta's creativity and the great skills of the other members of the group.</i>
GRIMSHAW (UK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future City (England) • Elioth (England) • DAP Studio (Italy) • Urban Silence (England) • SEC (Italy) • Studio Antonio Perazzi (Italy) 	<i>Sir Nicolas Grimshaw, one of the masters of contemporary English architecture, leads a well-equipped and high quality Anglo-Italian group, with Urban Silence's urban regeneration experts, Elioth's great experience and competence, and the Italians DAP, SEC and Perazzi who complete the team.</i>
Kengo Kuma and Associates Europe (FR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAB arquitectura (Italy) • Laps architecture (France) • Agence Ter (France) • Franck Bouttè Consultants (France) • VIA Ingegneria (Italy) 	<i>The Japanese Kengo Kuma is one of the masters of contemporary architecture, and his group includes the Milanese of MAB and the French of LAPS, young and emerging, the famous French landscape architects of Agence Ter as well as the sustainability expert Franck Bouttè and Via Ingegneria.</i>

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